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September 1952

1. In September there were about 20,000 Chinese Communist troops in Tibet, about 500 of whom were in Lhasa. The Chinese Communists were doing a great deal of work in agriculture, building schools and a hospital, and setting up machinery and factories.
2. In September 1952 the Chinese Communist troops in Lhasa were engaged in the construction of a new fortified building designed to house a military council or committee. The Dalai Lama was to be president of this council and the Panchen Lama to be vice president. Tibetan officials of various ranks, representatives of the three monasteries - Drepung, Ganden and Sera - and some representatives of the Tibetan people were also to work in the new building.¹

February 1953

3. In February 1953 several Tibetan officials had come to India in connection with procuring electrical machinery.
4. Three factions or parties had developed in Tashi Lumpo lamasery in early 1953:
 - a. The party of the people and the monks.
 - b. The former official class at Tashi Lumpo.

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- c. The officials whom the Panchen Lama brought from China.²
5. In February 1953 the Chinese Communists had arrested a number of Tibetans who they had learned were plotting against them.

Comments

1. This new construction may have been the basis of a press report in mid-December concerning a new city being built near Lhasa to house the Chinese Communist administrative staff.
2. the relations between these parties. terminology with reference to the first faction listed suggests that it may be a group similar to the people's organizations mentioned in

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